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III.—CLARIFICATION OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE FINANCE MINISTER REGARDING SRI S. B. ADITYAN'S RESIGNATION.

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM:—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your leave I wish to refer to a statement made by the Hon. the Finance Minister day before yesterday on the floor of this House. He said that Mr. Adityan was making an offer of resignation of his seat in the Council because he expected a vacancy soon in the Tirunelveli district and that Mr. Adityan wanted to contest that vacant Assembly seat. I was under the impression and I believe several hon. Members were under the impression that there was a vacancy in the Tirunelveli district. But we find from this morning's newspapers that an election petition is pending before an Election Tribunal with regard to a Tirunelveli constituency. It is not fair to make any reference to a vacancy in that district when the matter is pending before an Election Tribunal, as it is liable to be misconstrued. I presume the Hon. Minister did not refer to any particular vacancy. Anyway as he has made a reference about it, I hope he will make it clear that he did not refer to any particular vacancy or to any matter that might be pending before an Election Tribunal."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU:—" I want to know why a clarification is sought now . . ."

MR. CHAIRMAN:—" The Hon. the Finance Minister will reply."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" If there is no vacancy, the question of contest will not arise. I thought there was a vacancy."

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL, 1953 (L.A. BILL NO. 26 OF 1953).

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*That the Madras Appropriation* (*No.* 2) *Bill*[a], 1953 (*L.A. Bill No.* 26 *of* 1953), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration.*' "

" I do not propose to make any speech at this stage. I shall reserve what I have got to say when I reply to the debate."

MR. CHAIRMAN:—" Motion moved—

'That the Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1953 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1953), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration.' "

" The motion is now before the House for discussion."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 358–360 infra.